

# New Acland Coal Mine Stage 3 project

## How to have your say on the draft environmental impact statement

### The project

The Coordinator-General invites you to have your say on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the revised \$896 million New Acland Coal Mine Stage 3 project.

New Acland Coal Pty Ltd (NAC), a subsidiary of New Hope Corporation Limited, proposes to extend operations at its existing New Acland Coal Mine, located 14 kilometres north-west of Oakey and 35 kilometres north-west of Toowoomba.

The mine's yield would increase from the current 4.8 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) of product coal to up to 7.5 Mtpa; and the mine's life would be extended, to 2029.

The project's key features are:

- development of parts of the Manning Vale and Willeroo resource areas
- upgrades to the existing coal handling and preparation plant and supporting infrastructure
- new coal load-out facility on the mining lease and an approximately eight-kilometre rail spur (due to the relocation of the existing Jondaryan coal load-out facility)
- roadworks, water management structures and relocation and potential upgrade of power supply.

The project would generate up to 260 construction jobs and approximately 435 operational jobs at peak.

### Revised project

The original terms of reference (TOR) for the project's EIS were finalised in October 2007 and NAC submitted the original EIS to the Coordinator-General in November 2009.

However, in response to concerns raised in March 2012 by the incoming Queensland Government about the project's potential impacts, NAC revised the project, including reducing its scope.

NAC also proposed to move the existing Jondaryan rail coal load-out facility onto the mine site. An eight-kilometre rail spur would connect the facility to the existing rail line.

Due to these revisions, the Coordinator-General's environmental impact assessment of the project recommenced. New TOR for an EIS were finalised in March 2013, following public consultation.

# EIS process

The EIS process aims to ensure that the project's potential environmental, social and economic impacts, both direct and indirect, are examined and addressed.

On 18 May 2007 the Coordinator-General declared the project a 'coordinated project', under section 26 of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (Qld) (SDPWO Act).

The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment has determined that the project (EPBC 2007/3423) is likely to have a significant impact upon matters of national environmental significance and will require approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cwlth) (EPBC Act) before it can proceed.

The relevant matters of national environmental significance under Part 3 of the EPBC Act are listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 and 18A) and water resources (sections 24D and 24E).

The Minister will rely on the outcomes of the Coordinator-General's impact assessment process, including any public submissions, in making a decision.

**This draft EIS supersedes the EIS that was published in 2009 for a larger version of the project. Individuals and organisations who made a submission on the previous EIS will need to make a new submission on the new draft EIS to have their comments considered.**

## Have your say

NAC has prepared the draft EIS, which has been released by the Coordinator-General for public and state government advisory agency consultation.

You are invited to comment on the draft EIS, including the project's potential environmental impacts and/or the effectiveness of measures proposed to manage those impacts.

The Coordinator-General will consider your submission as part of his assessment of the project's environmental impacts.

### Important note

We will give a copy of your submission, including your name and address, to the proponent. For more information, refer to 'Privacy' on page 3 of this fact sheet.

## To make a submission

### 1. Read the draft EIS

- Download the draft EIS at [www.aclandproject.com.au](http://www.aclandproject.com.au), or
- order a free copy on DVD or purchase a printed copy by telephoning +61 7 3418 0500 or emailing [aclandinfo@newhopecoal.com.au](mailto:aclandinfo@newhopecoal.com.au), or
- view a printed copy between 20 January 2014 and 3 March 2014 at the following locations:
  - Toowoomba Regional Council service centres:
    - 4 Little Street, Toowoomba
    - 64 Campbell Street, Oakey
    - 89 Mocatta Street, Goombungee
  - National Library of Australia, Parkes Place, Canberra
  - New Hope Community Information Centre, Shop 90/88, Campbell Street, Oakey
  - State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane.

### 2. Make a submission

Complete the submission form at [www.dsdip.qld.gov.au/newacland](http://www.dsdip.qld.gov.au/newacland). You can also photocopy the form at one of the above locations.

If you have special communication needs, telephone the EIS project manager on +61 7 3452 7433 to make alternative submission arrangements.

### 3. Send your submission

Send your completed and signed submission form to one of the following:

**Email:**

[newaclandproject@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au](mailto:newaclandproject@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au)

**Post:** The Coordinator-General  
C/- EIS project manager  
New Acland Coal Mine Stage 3 project  
Coordinated Project Delivery  
Office of the Coordinator-General  
PO Box 15517  
City East Qld 4002 Australia

**Fax:** +61 7 3452 7486

### Deadline

The deadline for submissions is  
**5pm on 3 March 2014.**

### Checklist

When making a submission:

- clearly state the matter(s) of concern or interest and list points to help with clarity
- reference the relevant section(s) of the draft EIS
- provide factual information relied upon and its source
- describe the measure you consider would be appropriate to improve the proposal
- provide sketches or diagrams if they assist to clarify your submission
- ensure your submission is legible.

Note: Under section 157O of the SDPWO Act, it is an offence to give the Coordinator-General a document that contains information known to be false or misleading.

For a submission to be 'properly made' under the SDPWO Act, it must:

- be made to the Coordinator-General in writing
- be received on or before the last day of the submission period
- be signed by each person who makes the submission

- state the name and address of each person who makes the submission
- state the grounds of the submission and facts and circumstances relied on.

Note: Under the SDPWO Act, the Coordinator-General may accept a submission that is not a 'properly made' submission. However, to ensure you have appeal rights under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*, your submission must be 'properly made'.

### Privacy

The Coordinator-General is authorised to collect personal information under sections 24 and 29 of the SDPWO Act.

Your personal information will be collected for the purpose of considering your comments, assessing the EIS, completing the EIS process and the performance of functions under the SDPWO Act and other legislation relevant to the proposed project.

Your personal information will be disclosed to the project proponent and other government agencies that are involved in the proposed project, and is also subject to disclosure under the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

Your personal information will not otherwise be disclosed, unless disclosure is authorised or required by law, or is permitted under the *Information Privacy Act 2009*.

### More information

For more information about the project, contact New Acland Coal Pty Ltd on:

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For more information about this consultation, contact the Office of the Coordinator-General on:

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[newaclandproject@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au](mailto:newaclandproject@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au)

# How to complete the submission form

The Coordinator-General

## Submission on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS)

Name:	Joe Bloggs	Email:	joebloggs@emailaddress.com
Organisation (if applicable):	ABC Company	Telephone:	(07) 1234 5678
Address:	123 Smith Street, Brisbane Qld 4000		

Section of EIS	Describe the issue	Suggested solution
e.g. section 2.6	Water impacts - The proponent has not provided sufficient mitigation strategies to mitigate the negative impact on the XYZ river.	The proponent should ...

If there is insufficient space in the table above, please attach additional pages.

Signature: ..... (A submission by more than one person must be signed by *each* submitter.)

Complete, print and sign this form and send it to one of the following:

Email exampleproject@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au

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c/- EIS Project Manager—Example Project  
Coordinated Project Delivery  
PO Box 15517  
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